

Unto All

# PROFESSORS

In whom there is any tenderness and breathings after the Lord, and the knowledge of his way.

*By one that hath in the Light of the LORD seen through them all, into the resting-place that is prepared for them that truly fear the Lord.*

*Hear all you Professors of the Towns of Northampton and Hardingstone, you whose Profession is waxed old as a Garment; Harken you that border about them, and are thereunto adjoining; listen you that are Inhabitants, for unto you it doth belong.*

**T**HE onely true God that framed the Heavens, and laid the Foundations of the Earth, that created and made mankind in his own likeness, hath looked down from Heaven, and hath beheld and seen how mankind is degenerated and fallen from that estate in the which he was made & brought forth, and hath committed the two great abominations in forsaking the living Fountain and Well-spring of life, and digged to themselves broken Cisterns that will hold no water: And now the only wise God hath decreed a Decree, and determined a Determination, and purposed a Purpose that must stand; which is to try all sorts of people and professors under what name or title soever they may be known or called, that the Bearer may be known from the Hearer, and the Sayer from the Doer. And now awake, awake, awake, Arise all you professors, come forth, and lay aside all your Fig-leaved garments, and all your high notions of words, and come to the Word that is ingrafted, which is able to save the soul that is immortal, that hath lain low, and hath been oppressed under all this Profession, which hath not enjoyed the invincible Life, which onely this could satisfy: And now it standeth every one in hand, diligently to search, and truly to try and examine themselves whether they be in the Faith that giveth victory over the World, the which standeth in the Power of God, Christ Jesus the Light of the World, who is the Rock of Ages, the sure Foundation upon which the holy men of God (in ages and generations past) were built, and their Faith, Hope and Confidence was in him onely; and so every one is to come to him which was the Rock of Ages and Generations past, and is the Rock of this present Age, and blessed are they that are built thereupon: For verily professors, you that have built, and are yet building with Hey, Straw and Stubble, which will not abide the fire, but with it are to be burned up, and there shall be none found to quench it; therefore every one before you again begin to build, try what you build upon; for in vain, and to no purpose will it be for you to build upon that which hath not been tried: And come out of these changeable things, and out of all those noises, and crying up one thing for truth one while, and then for another time throw it down again, and say it was Erroneous, Superstition and Popery, and such like, and was to be abolished and disannulled, and now cry the same up for Truth again: But now come and wait upon the Lord, and come into that in which there is no variableness nor shadow of turning, that when you are turning to the right hand, or to the left, the still small Voice you may come to hear, saying, *This is the way, walk in it;* the Voice that calleth for Purity, and (out of prophaneness) for Equity, and to do unto all men as you would that they should do unto you: And though for a long time the Light hath shone in your dark hearts, and hath often times reprov'd you in secret when you did do, or speak that which you ought not to have acted or spoken; yet this I say, turn, turn to that which reproveth you, for that which maketh manifest is Light, and the reproof of Instruction is the way to life; and as it is written in the Scriptures of Truth, *This is the condemnation of the world, that Light is come into the world, and men love darkness rather than Light, because their deeds are evil;* but they that love the Light, and thereunto are turned, bring their Works and Deeds to the Light, that with it they may be proved whether they be wrought

in God, yea or nay: But they that love their evil deeds more than the Light, will not bring them to the Light, because it will reprove them. So now, flee from the Mountains, and escape from the Hills, and none any longer seek to hide your selves in the Clifts of the raggy Rocks; for now the Lord is risen from amongst all these Sects, and various Opinions, and diversities of Judgements, and changeable forms of Worship that are not come (neither will be perswaded) to forsake their evil deeds, and come to that which changeth not, but liveth and abideth for ever.

And now dear people this is the day of the Lord, and none of you put it afar off; verily the bowels of my Love flow forth unto you, and my heart is even broken in the remembrance of you: Oh, how have you pierced the Just One, and grieved the good Spirit of God in you from day to day, and would have none of his Counsel, neither hearken to his reproof, but have cast his righteous Law behind your backs, and done despite to the Spirit of Grace! And now it would be just from the Lord, that the day of your Visitation should pass over your heads, which cannot again be recalled, but for the Seeds sake, and those in whom there is any tenderness yet remains, and true breathings after the Lord, which are not yet gathered unto the Lord, and to his Living Witness in them; in this their day there is a little dramme more of time added unto it, that they may be tried unto the full, whether they will return to the Lord that they may be preserved out of the mouths of the Lyons, and out of the paw of the Bear, and escape the wrath of the Almighty, and the overflowing scourge that is coming upon the heads of the wicked and ungodly, that hate the Lord, and desire not the knowledge of his way; the which, neither hills nor mountains can stop or hinder, but it will them overtake unavoidably.

*Written by the movings of the Spirit of the Lord; and in Love unto all that have desires after him, and are seeking of him where he is not to be found; By one whose Natural birth-right was, and Outward being is, in the Town of Hardingstone in North-Hamptonshire; who am known to many people by the name of,*

**WILLIAM GREEN.**

Unto you Priests and Professors of the Towns above mentioned, in particular is this chiefly written and given forth; and by the Author thereof you are desired to communicate it one to another; but the service thereof reacheth unto all which in these things mentioned, are concerned, where ever this may come.

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